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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

April 6, 2000

The meeting was called to order by R. Crisson at 4:04 p.m. in Room 223 of the Student Union Building.

Present: Emmanuel Akillas, Deborah Barlieb, William Bateman, Eric Beaven, Jorie Borden, Vera Brancato, Carl Brunner, Roberta Crisson, Joan Davis, Margaret Devlin, Dennis Dietrich, John Erdmann, Jill Fritz, Michael Gabriel, Jill Givler, Karen Krug for Bruce Gottschall, Russell Gross, James Hall, Theodore Hickman, Joan Holleran, Gerard Innocenti, Dennis Johnson, Diane Johnson, Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick, John Kopko, Carol Mapes, Margo Miller, Morris Perinchief, Marc Renzema, Randy Schaeffer, Andrew Skitko, James Sowerwine, Peg Speirs, John McAndrew for Theresa Stahler, William Towne.

Absent: Okan Akcay, Jennifer Bozzone, Dan Cates, Charles Clark, Richard Crooker, Paula Duda, Ina Grapenthin, Roger Hibbs, Joseph Lippincott, Michael Puglia, Jean Mae Smith, Mary Theis, Heather Thomas, Raymond Tumbleson, Madan Varma, Girma Zelleke.

Others in Attendance: Miles DeCoster, Lisa Ladd-Kidder.

I. Announcements

W. Towne announced that a fund raiser will be held to raise money to help pay medical expenses for Joshua Wesner.

Information was also shared about the medical conditions of other members of the University community.

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, M. Perinchief seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes of March 2, 2000

E. Beaven moved, W. Bateman seconded, to approve the Minutes of March 2, 2000. The motion passed.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Academic Standards and Policy Committee

1. Withdrawal Policy

E. Beaven moved, M. Perinchief seconded, to approve the changes to the Withdrawal Policy.

M. Perinchief moved, R. Gross seconded, to add the following to the beginning of the second paragraph:

Withdrawal from a course or from a university up to two weeks prior to the beginning of final examinations will be recorded as a "W". Withdrawals from individual courses will not be recorded if completed by the end of the 6th week of class.

The motion passed.

M. Perinchief moved, R. Gross seconded, to change the first sentence under Withdrawal from the University as follows:

Any student dropping out of the university prior to the end of any academic term must officially withdraw. The motion passed.

M. Perinchief moved, R. Gross seconded to add to the policy an effective date of Fall 2000. The motion passed.

R. Schaeffer moved, T. Hickman seconded, to change the fourth paragraph to the following:

The latest date for withdrawal from a course without penalty in a winter break or summer session is published prior to the specific session.

The motion passed.

J. Erdmann moved, J. Davis seconded, to amend the third paragraph by spelling out WF as Withdrawn Failing in both the first and second sentences. The motion passed.

M. Gabriel moved, G. Innocenti seconded, to amend the policy as follows:

Withdrawal without penalty from a course or the university will be the last day of the ninth week of the semester. A grade of WP or WF may be given up until the last day of classes of that semester.

The motion to amend failed.

W. Bateman moved, G. Innocenti moved, to amend the policy by adding an additional paragraph under Withdrawal from a Course as follows:

After the sixth week of classes there is a limit of 12 credits from which a student may withdraw during their tenure at the university. The motion failed.

The motion to approve the changes to the Withdrawal Policy passed as amended with W. Bateman, M. Gabriel, G. Innocenti, and R. Schaeffer

opposing. R. Gross asked to be recorded as voting in favor of the motion. (Note: as requested by members of the Senate, a copy of the Withdrawal Policy, as amended, is attached to the Senators' copies of the Minutes.)

B. Committee on Committees

R. Devlin indicated that the Committee on Committees will be making committee appointments within the next few weeks.

C. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

1. Proposed KU Mission Statement

M. Perinchief moved, M. Gabriel seconded, to approve the proposed KU Mission Statement with the editorial correction of changing "challenge" to "challenges."

E. Beaven moved, J. Givler seconded, to return the document to the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee with suggestions for change. The motion passed with C. Brunner and M. Devlin opposing.

2. Prioritization

R. Crisson indicated that an additional meeting of the Senate will need to be scheduled in early June if it wishes to discuss the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee's recommendations relative to prioritization.

E. Beaven moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to add Thursday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. as an additional Senate meeting and to invite members of the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee to the meeting. The motion passed.

V. Adjournment

E. Beaven moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.


Roberta L. Crisson, President


Carol C. Mapes, Secretary